

EMT-I REGULATORY TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

September 20, 2000

Naval Training Center, San Diego

I. Introductions

Self-introductions were made.

Members in attendance:

From the EMS Authority:

Bonnie Sinz

Sean Trask

Lois Williams

Bruce Haynes, MD, EMDAC

Bruce Kenagy, MD, alt Associate member HMO's

Debi Moffat, RN, CPPD

Donna Ferracone, RN, Public Member

Elaine Dethlefsen, RN, Ca Council of EMS Educators

Gloria Huerta, RN, SoCa Fire Chiefs

John Pritting, EMSAC

Karen Petrilla, RN, alt, Ca Council of EMS Educators

Kevin White, EMT-P, CPF

Pat Kramm, RN, Commission on EMS Educational Tech Group

Robert Cordray, CDF

Todd Wilhoyte, EMT-I, SEIU

Tom McGinnis, CAA

Steve Maiero, EMT-P, CSFA/Commission

Alternates in attendance:

Bruce Kenagy, CA Assn of Health Maintenance Organizations

Karen Patrilla, CA Council of EMS Educators

Members absent

Aaron York, alt CHP

Bob Repar, Lt, CA Peace Officers Assn.

Bryon Parsons, alt CAA

David Magnino, Sgt, CHP

David Nevins, CAA
Debbie Norrurno, alt, So Cal Fire Chiefs
Debra Meier, NoCa Fire Chiefs
John Tysell, MD, CA Assn. HMO's
Marco Randazzo, MD, Cal/ACEP
Nancy Casazza, RN, CAN
Sally McGregor, CDF/State Fire Marshall
Susan Smith, RN, ENA
Veronica Shepardson, alt, CPPD
Mike Denton, Nor-Cal Fire Chiefs

II. Review

A. Minutes

Minutes from the July 26, 2000 meeting were reviewed and approved after the following change was made; Debi Moffat did attend the last meeting.

B. Agenda

Agenda was approved as written

III. Old Business

A. Committee Report – Licensure Issues:

A sub-committee consisting of Gloria Huerta, John Pritting, and Kevin White brought back a draft licensure document:

1. Section (a) (1 – 4) was added to this draft language, which specifies items that are necessary for certification/licensure, including the submission of a fingerprint card for summary criminal history.
2. A recertification section was added. After much discussion regarding the demonstration of proficiency, this document was tabled until the next meeting.
3. The Task Force members present agreed to adopt the National DOT EMT-Basic Curriculum as a foundation for California and enhance, as needed, when additional educational requirements are identified.

B. Committee Report: Comparison of Responsibilities Between State EMS Authority and Local EMS Agencies

A sub-committee consisting of Pat Kramm, Steve Maiero, and Bruce Kenagy presented a table comparing the duties and responsibilities of the State EMS Authority with the duties and responsibilities of the local EMS agencies as indicated in Division 9 of Title 22. A survey was also circulated for comment that will be distributed at the EMSAC meeting the following week. The survey addressed a number of issues ranging

from training program approvals to training program fees. The status of the survey shall be discussed at the next Task Force meeting.

C. Committee Report: EMT-I Training Program Approval Process

A sub-committee consisting of Elaine Dethlefsen, Donna Ferracone, Debi Moffat, and Kevin White presented a document proposing changes to the current EMT approving authority regulations, those recommended changes were:

1. Change of terms to reflect national terminology (EMT-B);
2. Have the state (instead of LEMSAs) be the approving authority for all training programs;
3. Develop a verification committee that is comprised of educators and directors (3 total) to approve the programs. There was little changed to the basic requirements except specific amounts of quizzes and lesson plans. The group did add a section on goals and objectives and self-evaluation of each program and a site visit. Cost for this will not be identified in the regulations but will be paid by the state who could make it part of the approval process;
4. Public safety programs will go through the same process except not all of their facilities will be visited. There will be a random site visit;
5. This group needs to add a statement on how programs who do not meet criteria will be dealt with, what the administration process of the training program is, and develop a tool to evaluate the training programs;
6. This group brought up for discussion the teaching staff section and want to add that all instructors have street prehospital experience, can use EMT-Basic certified personnel as primary instructors and that all instructors have some sort of teaching education. This section will be revisited at the meeting.

D. Scope of Practice

The EMT-II Optional Scope of Practice table developed by the EMS Authority was distributed. The purpose was to identify the EMT-II optional scope of practice in comparison with the EMT-I expanded scope of practice. This item is tabled and will be discussed at a future meeting due to the time.

E. Exam Administration

It was agreed that there needs to be a standard EMT-I certifying exam used statewide. A sub-committee has been developed to identify various options to consider. The sub-committee members include Gloria Huerta and Debi Moffat.

IV. Discussion:

A. CQI Language in EMT-I Regulations

The concept of continuous quality improvement was introduced to the Task Force for further discussion at a later time. No action was taken on this item.

B. Review of Action Items

Action items were reviewed.

C. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday November 2, 2000 at Oakland International Airport in the Tower Conference Room.

Recorder: Debi Moffat